GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7618
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
MANUFACTURING OF SHIPS IN SHIPYARDS
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships built by each shipyard of the country during the last three years;

(b) the actual cost incurred thereon;

(c) the details of profit and loss in regard to each ship, shipyard-wise;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the manufacturing cost of these ships, modernisation of shipyards and to make them commercially viable during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the number of ships targetted to be manufactured by the year 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) & (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7618 ANSWER ON 15TH MAY, 2000 ASKED BY SHRI RAMSHAKAL REGARDING MANUFACTURING OF SHIPS IN SHIPYARDS

(a) to (c) & (e): The number of ships built, actual cost and profit/loss made by the Public Sector Shipyards under the administrative control of this Ministry during last three years & number and type of ships targeted to be manufactured during the year 2000-01 may be seen in the statement attached.

(d): Following steps have been taken by the Union Government to reduce the cost of production and modernise the public sector shipyards and to make them commercially viable during the Ninth Five Year Plan:-

(i) Provision of 30% Subsidy on Shipbuilding for ocean-going vessels for domestic and export orders;

(ii) Plan assistance is being given to Public Sector Shipyards under the administrative control of Ministry of Surface Transport for upgradation and modernisation and augmentation of Shipbuilding and Shiprepair facilities.

(iii) Voluntary Retirement Scheme is under implementation in the Public Sector Shipyards to reduce excessive manpower thereby optimising staff strength.

(iv) Capital Restructuring of Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin have been carried out. Short Term Revival Plan for Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd., Calcutta is under implementationLong Term Revival Plan of HDPE is under consideration.

(v) Ship components can be imported by Shipyards under OGL as per liberalised export-import policy.

Further, Shipyards are also taking the following measures for reducing the cost of production and modernisation of the yards.

(i) optimum utilisation of existing facilities;

(ii) improved inventory control system;

(iii) quality control systems;

(iv) induction of new technology/techniques, such as

(a) modular construction of ships;

(b) computer aided design facilities.

(v) restructuring of organisational set up.